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SUBJ: SOVIET TREATMENT OF U.S.

1. SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS TREATMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS
EMPHASIZES STRONG BASE OF AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR FURTHER DEVELOP-
MENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND RELATIVE WEAKNESS
OF DETENT'S U.S. OPPONENTS.

2. PRAVDA WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY ME EDITOR
DEMCHENKO (JUNE 23) CONCEDES THERE IS ACTIVE DEBATE ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE IN U.S. BUT CITING SENATOR KENNEDY'S
STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE SUMMIT AND SENATOR PERCY'S REMARK
THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN CONGRESS SUPPORT POLICY OF
DETENTE, DEMCHENKO MAKES POINT THAT U.S. LEADERSHIP IS
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STRONGLY COMMITTED TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS.
ON SOVIET SIDE DEMCHENKO REPLAYS BREZHNEV STATEMENT (FROM

SPEECH JUNE 14) CALLING FOR STABLE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. IN SAME VEIN PRAVDA (JUNE 23) ALSO REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITOR TAYLOR TO EFFECT THAT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL IMPROVE AND POSITION OF DETENTE'S OPPONENTS IS GROWING WEAKER.

3. WHILE WEEKEND PRESS CONTINUES UPBEAT TREATMENT OF U.S., DIGS AT DETENTE'S OPPONENTS CONTINUE TO GET PROMINENT PLAY. PRAVDA (JUNE 22) STORY ABOUT AFL-CIO RESOLUTION ON CHILE, FOR EXAMPLE, IDENTIFIES FAVORITE WHIPPING BOY PRESIDENT MEANY WITH CHILEAN JUNTA AND THOSE WHO KILLED ALLENDE. PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL REVIEW GETS IN JAB AT SENATOR JACKSON OVER HIS INVITATION TO PEKING. IN MORE DIRECT FASHION, PRAVDA'S OBSERVER, YURIY ZHUKOV, IN HIS TV INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SHOW JUNE 22, CRITICIZED OPPONENTS OF MFN FOR TRYING TO BARGAIN WITH THE USSR, MEDDLE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND CHANGE ITS SYSTEM. NONETHELESS, ZHUKOV BALANCED THIS BY ASSERTING THAT THREE QUARTERS OF ALL AMERICANS ARE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION. ZHUKOV, AS WELL AS JUNE 22 PRAVDA (IN INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KOMAROV), GAVE GREAT EMPHASIS TO THE JUST-SIGNED DOLS 200 MILLION CREDIT AGREEMENT. STOESEL

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